

HOME-BASED BUSINESS ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR



Violeta Arnobit
Ace Medical
Region IX & State of Hawaii

Starting her medical supply company in the garage in 1995, **Violeta Arnobit** never imagined that Ace Medical would become one of the industry leaders in Hawaii. An immigrant from the Philippines twenty years ago, Arnobit was a nurse practitioner prior to starting her new venture in the growing home care field. By the second year, Ace Medical was profitable and moved to a retail location. Her nursing experience, her compassion, and her energy provide the perfect formula for success. Arnobit offers training to many care home operators along with business advice, knowing that her business survival is linked with the care home system. She offers free home safety reviews to help her clients get or maintain their Department of Health certification. She has a leading role in advocacy for the industry, in improving training for her clients, and providing the latest technology for her customers. Arnobit attends workshops and conferences to stay abreast of new treatments and technology, sharing the news with clients on her return. *Nominated by: Bennette Evangelista, Central Pacific Bank.*

Gertrude “Trudi” Zelko, President of Hawaii 2000 Inc., a travel study tour agency, has a passion for education and equal opportunity that can be traced through her lifelong efforts as mother, a volunteer and as an entrepreneur. Working from home, Zelko arranges tours for educators and students to historic and cultural sites around the world. She established her firm with the contacts and skills she gained working on projects like the Women’s Job Corps, Youth Conservation Corps, and others through the years her children were growing up. To this day, Zelko acts as a successful role model for others in home based firms, operating Hawaii 2000 from her condominium as she cares for her grandchildren, the next generation. *Nominated by: Roxann Uyetake, Bank of Hawaii.*



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